

**SOUTH LAKE UNION URBAN CENTER
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN GOALS AND POLICIES
July 21, 2006**

NOTE: Three changes to the Seattle Comprehensive Plan are proposed in order to adopt the new South Lake Union neighborhood plan:

1. adopting new goals and policies into the neighborhood planning element,
2. removing the existing South Lake Union goals and policies from the neighborhood plan element, and
3. amending the future land use map to change the Industrial Area within the South Lake Union Urban Center to a Commercial/Mixed Use Area

1. Proposed New Goals and Policies:

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

SLU-G1 A vital and eclectic neighborhood where people both live and work, where use of transit, walking and bicycling is encouraged, and where there are a range of housing choices, diverse businesses, arts, a lively and inviting street life and amenities to support and attract residents, employees and visitors.

SLU-P1 Encourage the co-location of retail, community, arts and other pedestrian-oriented activities in key pedestrian nodes and corridors.

SLU-P2 Promote diversity of building styles and support the diverse characters of neighborhood sub-areas.

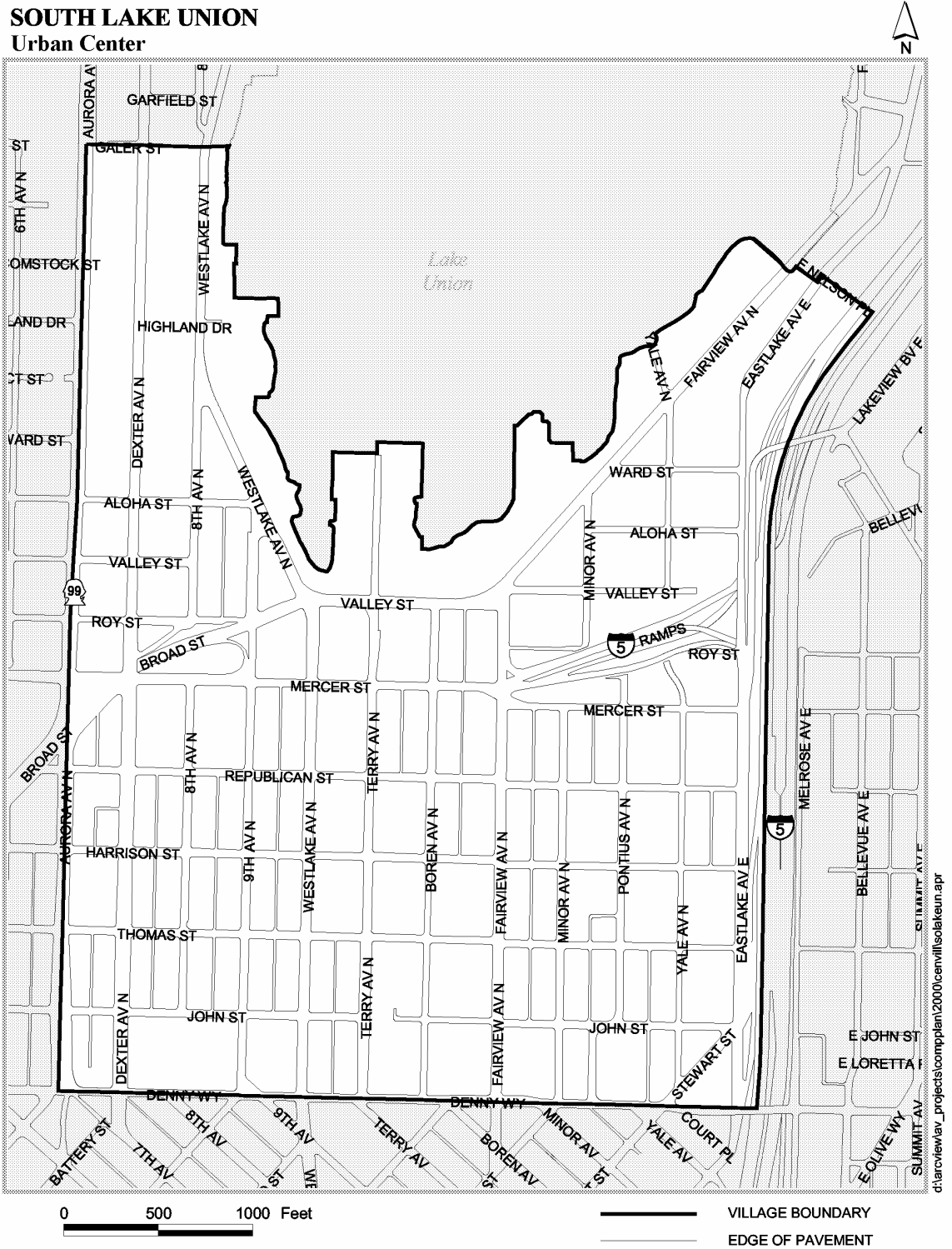
SLU-P3 Encourage public and private developers to consider existing neighborhood character when designing projects adjacent to parks and historical sites.

SLU-P4 Work with the community to develop strategies to make the neighborhood safe for all community members.

SLU-P5 Encourage designs of public spaces and private buildings that can accommodate the needs of people with a range of ages and abilities, allowing residents to age in place.

SLU-G2 A neighborhood that recognizes its history as a maritime and industrial community and embraces its future as a growing urban center that provides for a wide range of uses.

SLU-P6 Establish incentives to encourage preservation, reuse, and rehabilitation of historically significant structures in the neighborhood; explore incentives to encourage the adaptive reuse of other older buildings in the neighborhood that provide a visual reminder of the past and promote diversity of character and building types.



- SLU-P7 Support existing organizations that provide for an eclectic and livable community, including arts and culture, human services, maritime and educational organizations.
- SLU-P8 Seek to maintain a diversity of uses in the neighborhood, including maritime, industrial and downtown-core service businesses traditionally occupying the neighborhood.
- SLU-G3 A neighborhood that serves as a regional center for innovative organizations and that supports a diverse and vibrant job base.**
 - SLU-P9 Support the growth of innovative industries in South Lake Union including biotechnology, information technology, environmental sciences and technology, and sustainable building.
 - SLU-P10 Foster a collaborative and creative community through interaction among community members and different types of organizations in the community, including those engaged in arts and culture, human services and education, as well as neighborhood businesses and organizations.
- SLU-G4 A neighborhood where arts and culture thrive, with attractions for citywide audiences and a broad range of arts and cultural organizations.**
 - SLU-P11 Encourage characteristics that favor a sustainable arts and cultural presence, including affordable and adaptable venues for making, performing and displaying art that meet the diverse needs of artists and arts organizations.
 - SLU-P12 Provide for a livable community by encouraging artistic activities that create a positive street presence.
 - SLU-P13 Seek to incorporate the arts into the design of public projects and the use of public spaces.
- SLU-G5 A neighborhood that supports this and future generations by providing community-based historical, cultural, artistic and scientific learning and enrichment activities for children, residents, employees and visitors.**
 - SLU-P14 In order to support neighborhood families, encourage existing and new schools and childcare facilities in South Lake Union and adjacent neighborhoods.
 - SLU-P15 Recognize the heritage of the neighborhood and the rich diversity of neighborhood businesses and organizations as opportunities for learning.
 - SLU-P16 Encourage the development of higher education, apprenticeship and internship opportunities and adult learning offerings that build on the innovative climate of the community.

TRANSPORTATION

- SLU-G6 A livable, walkable community that is well served by transit and easy to get around by foot, bike or transit.**
 - SLU-P17 Work with transit agencies to provide transit service to and through South Lake Union to meet growing demand and changing markets.

- SLU-P18 Promote a system of safe pedestrian and bicycle connections linking key activity areas and destinations, such as open spaces, schools and arts facilities.
- SLU-G7 A transportation system that provides safe, convenient access to businesses, residences, and other activities in the neighborhood.**
 - SLU-P19 Collaborate with businesses, developers, housing providers and transit providers to reduce demand for automobile trips by making transit and other alternative modes attractive choices for residents and commuters.
 - SLU-P20 Develop flexible off -street parking requirements that provide parking adequate to a building's occupants, and encourage the use of transit, walking, bicycling and other non-automotive modes.
 - SLU-P21 Encourage the efficient use of on-street parking for neighborhood businesses, residents and attractions through innovative parking management and pricing strategies.
- SLU-G8 A well-connected neighborhood with bicycle, pedestrian, waterborne and vehicular access to adjacent neighborhoods.**
 - SLU-P22 Explore transportation improvements to link South Lake Union with its surrounding neighborhoods.
 - SLU-P23 Seek to provide improved access to and connections across Aurora Avenue North that result in a more integrated and efficient transportation system for multiple transportation modes.
- SLU-G9 A neighborhood with principal arterials that move people and freight efficiently through the neighborhood, support local access, and provide circulation for all modes.**
 - SLU-P24 Create a street network that enhances local circulation and access for all modes of travel by balancing the need to move people and freight efficiently through the neighborhood with the need for increased accessibility and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.
 - SLU-P25 Encourage improvements to Mercer and Valley Streets that support development of South Lake Union Park, improve neighborhood circulation for all modes, and move people and freight efficiently through this corridor.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- SLU-G10 Parks and open spaces provide an obvious and inviting purpose, accessible to and meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse neighborhood as it grows and changes.**
 - SLU-P26 Support South Lake Union Park as a local and regional waterfront attraction that celebrates the area's natural history and maritime heritage.
 - SLU-P27 Support Cascade Playground and related facilities as a community resource and model for sustainable parks development.

- SLU-P28 Support Denny Park's historic character while identifying opportunities to encourage more use of the park.
- SLU-P29 Consider a variety of tools, including regulatory measures and joint projects with public agencies and private organizations, to provide for new open spaces to support the growth of the neighborhood.
- SLU-P30 Encourage the acquisition and development of public or private spaces that provide for active play and recreation.
- SLU-P31 Use visual and physical connections between open spaces, adjacent streets and surrounding activities to stimulate positive social interactions.
- SLU-P32 Identify opportunities for alternatives to traditional open spaces, including green streets and recognition and use of Lake Union as recreation and open space.

HOUSING

- SLU-G11 A wide range of housing types is integrated into the community, accommodating households that are diverse in their composition and income.**
 - SLU-P33 Provide incentives to encourage housing for people across a range of incomes in a variety of housing types, particularly in mixed-income buildings.
 - SLU-P34 Encourage affordable housing units throughout the community through new construction and preservation of existing buildings.
 - SLU-P35 Encourage both rental and ownership housing.
 - SLU-P36 Promote housing, amenities, and services, including schools and childcare, that will attract more families to move into the South Lake Union neighborhood.
- SLU-G12 Housing in South Lake Union is affordable for and attractive to workers in South Lake Union, to enable people to live near their jobs.**
 - SLU-P37 Encourage employers to develop and participate in strategies that allow employees to live near their work.
 - SLU-P38 Allow housing and businesses throughout South Lake Union to provide opportunities for people to work and live in the neighborhood. Consider redesignating the industrial commercial zone to allow a wider variety of uses, including housing.
 - SLU-P39 Identify locations within South Lake Union where housing could be particularly concentrated to create viable urban residential communities.
 - SLU-P40 Promote the development of live-work housing, especially when designed to meet the special needs of groups like artists and their families.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

SLU-G13 A neighborhood that acts as a model for sustainable redevelopment.

- SLU-P41 Encourage low-impact development and activities that can control consumption of resources, improve public health and safety, and provide for multiple environmental benefits.
- SLU-P42 Encourage careful stewardship of water quality in Lake Union, including strategies to improve the quality of water flowing into the lake.
- SLU-P43 Provide for a stable and reliable supply of electrical power to South Lake Union, which has facilities with unique load and service requirements, such as high-technology and biotechnology research laboratories.
- SLU-P44 Explore new sources of energy for heating and cooling, renewable energy, distributed cogeneration, and energy conservation, at the building, block and neighborhood level.
- SLU-P45 Encourage building designs that allow for public view corridors through the neighborhood to Lake Union and the Space Needle and natural light at street level.
- SLU-P46 Seek to increase tree coverage, reintroduce native plant species into the neighborhood and provide for additional wildlife habitat appropriate to the urban environment.

2. Existing Goals and Policies Proposed to be Deleted:

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

- SLU-G1** A mixed use neighborhood with an emphasis on small business and light industry.
- SLU-P1 Encourage strategies that promote diversity of building types and inherent qualities of neighborhood sub-areas through development of design guidelines.
 - SLU-P2 Strive to maintain vehicular access and adequate parking to serve area businesses.
 - SLU-P3 Encourage housing that does not conflict with the business character of the neighborhood.
 - SLU-P4 Support the placement of social service facilities based on city-wide siting policies.
 - SLU-P5 Encourage development of incentives that encourage preservation, reuse and rehabilitation of historically significant structures in the neighborhood.

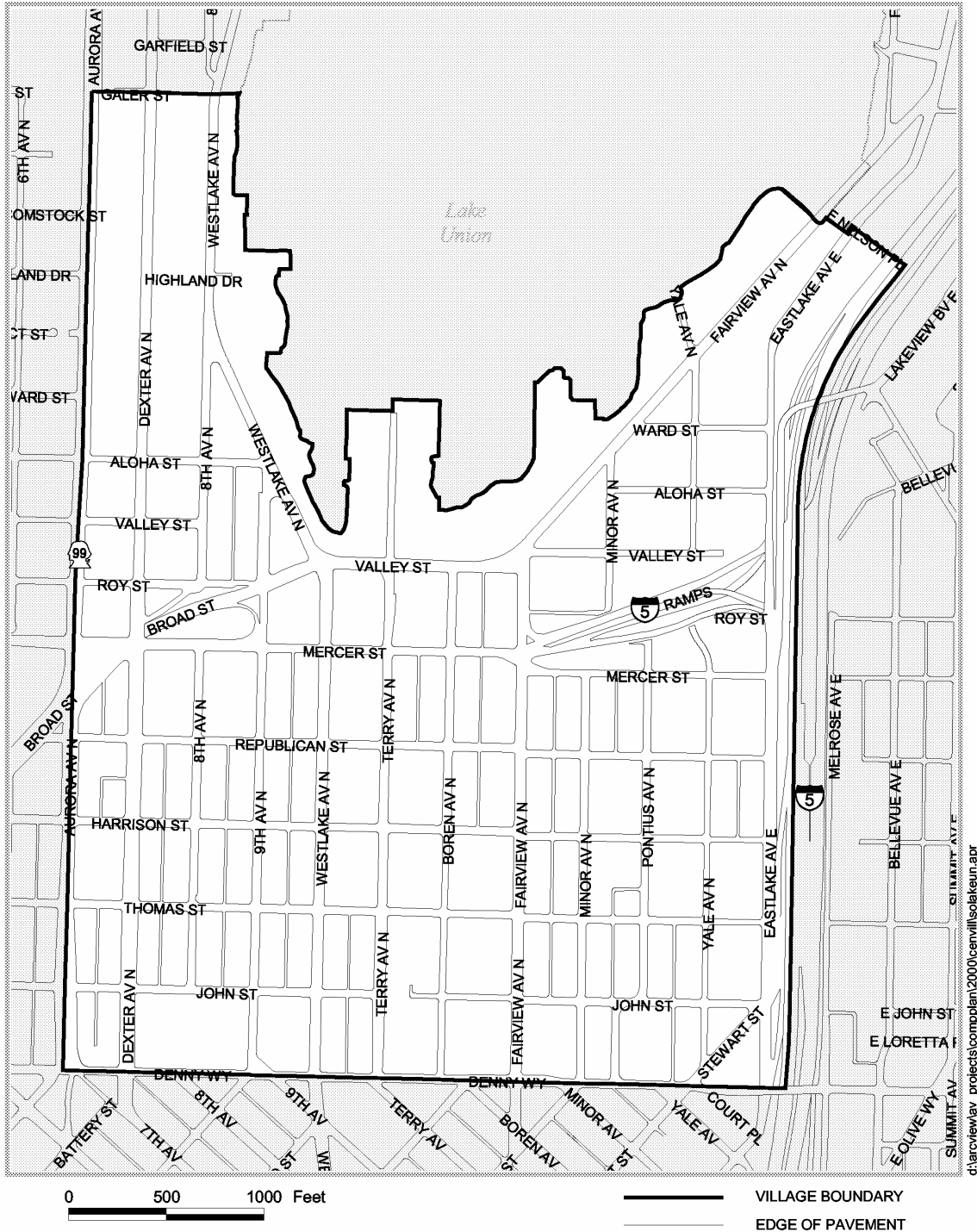
TRANSPORTATION

- SLU-G3** A neighborhood with an efficient east/west transportation corridor that serves neighborhood and sub-regional needs.
- SLU-G4** A neighborhood with adequate parking available to support neighborhood businesses and activities now and in the future.
- SLU-P13 Encourage Mercer/Valley improvements that support development of South Lake Union Park, city-owned parcels and other adjacent properties.
 - SLU-P14 Favor of a set of improvements that are reasonably fundable and that do not require excessive new right-of-way.
 - SLU-P15 Explore transportation improvements that would link South Lake Union and Lower Queen Anne.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

- SLU-G2** A neighborhood with a variety of open space opportunities which serve the various needs of neighborhood residents and which recognize Lake Union and South Lake Union Park as the premier open space opportunity in the neighborhood.
- SLU-P6 Support development of South Lake Union Park based on the updated Park Master Plan including acquisition of Navy Reserve property and a key focus on maritime heritage.
 - SLU-P7 Encourage the continued perception of Lake Union as an amenity through careful stewardship of water quality and adjacent land uses.

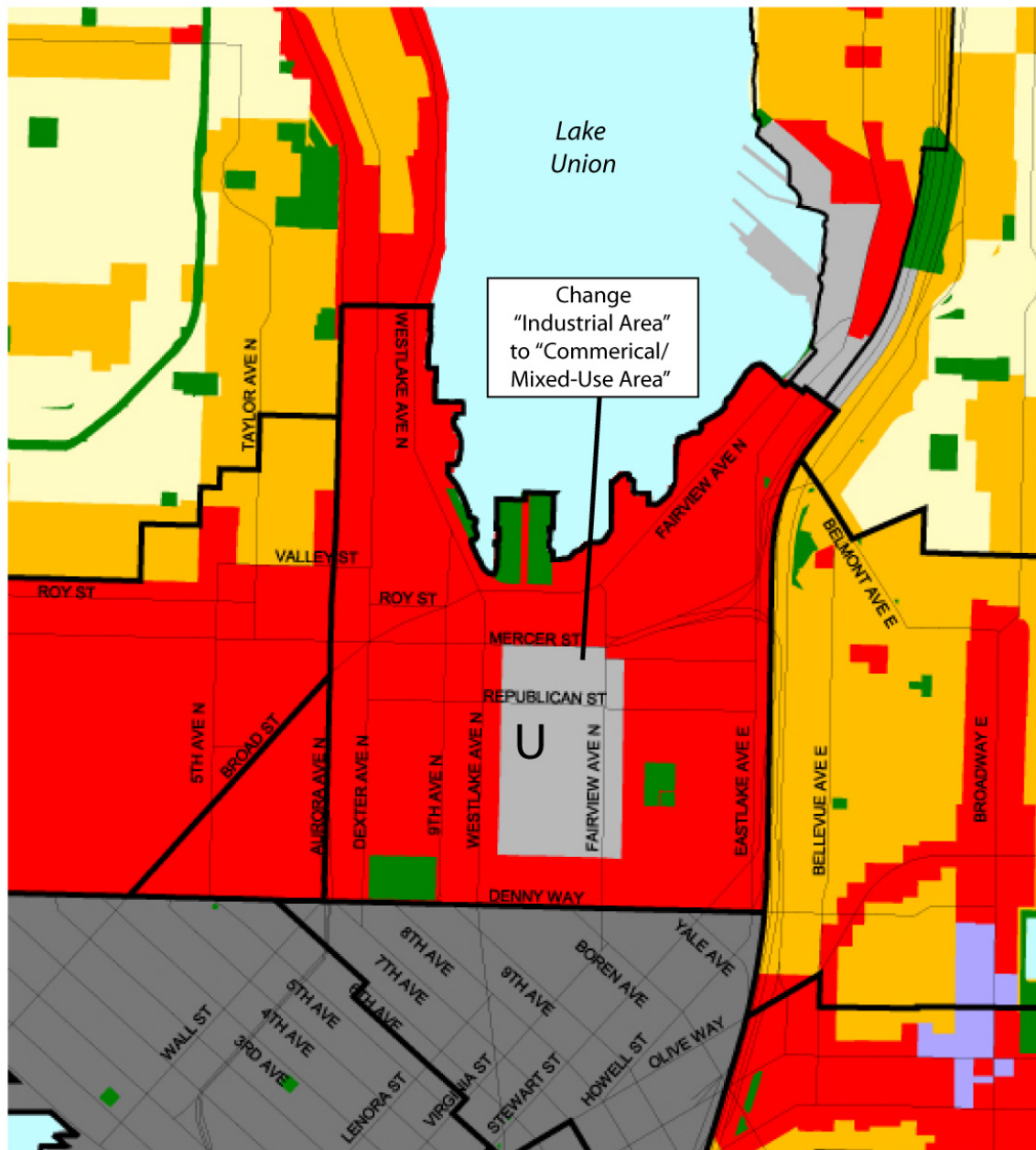
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- SLU-P8 Encourage developers of projects adjacent to parks to consider that park's character in designing their projects.
- SLU-P9 Strive to implement the Cascade Playground Master Plan.
- SLU-P10 Encourage acquisition of properties which provide for active play and recreation, including Denny Playfield.
- SLU-P11 Promote a system of pedestrian connections (including Green Streets) linking key activity areas and destinations.
- SLU-P12 Encourage development of incentives for developers to include pocket parks or publicly accessible open space in their projects.

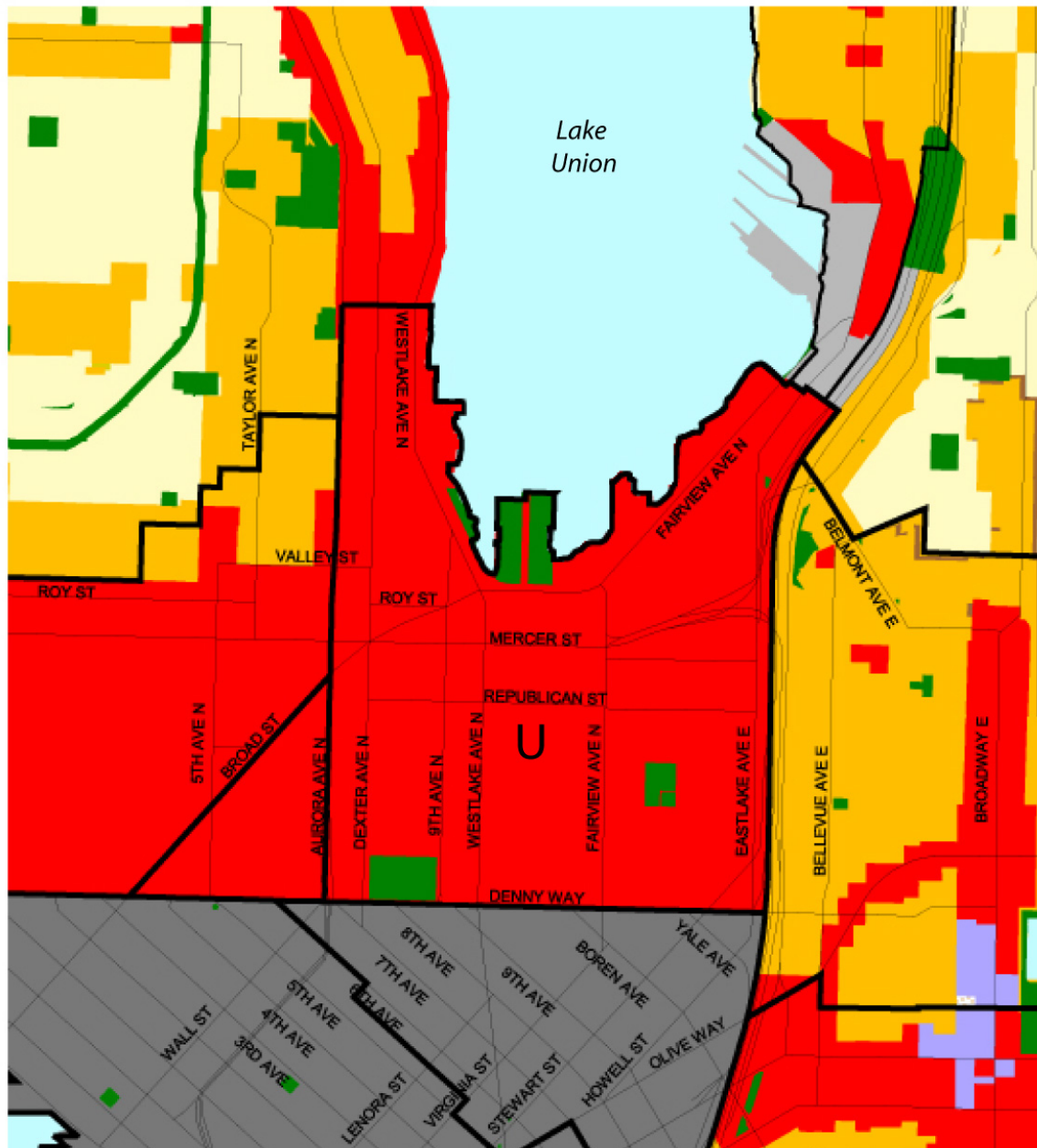
3. Future Land Use Map Amendment

Proposed Change



Excerpt from the Future Land Use Map

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